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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7070

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): D. N. Rubingh et al. Confirmation No. 3865

Serial No.: 09/646,984 Group Art Unit: 1652

Date Filed: 9/25/2000 Examiner: William W. Moore

Title: Serine Protease Variants Having Amino Acid Deletions and Substitutions

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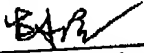
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TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$18 =	\$
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3. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Donn Nelson Rubingh et al :
Serial No. 09/646,984 :
Confirmation No. 3865 : Group Art Unit 1652
Filed September 25, 2000 : Examiner W.W. Moore
For SERINE PROTEASE VARIANTS HAVING AMINO ACID
DELETIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

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7/31/02**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Box Non-Fee

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 23, 2002, setting a one-month period for response, providing for a timely response up to and including June 24, 2002 (June 23, 2002 falls on a Sunday).

Response to Restriction Requirement of Claims 1-23

The Office Action states that the restriction to one patentably distinct species of inventions is required under 35 USC §121 and §372. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement because there is no serious burden placed on the Examiner to consider all claims.

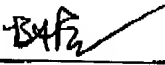
Claims 1, 2, 11-16, 18, 20-22, 24, 26, and 27 require a deletion of one or more of positions 70-84 corresponding to subtilisin BPN'. Claims 17, 19, 23, 25, and 28 require a deletion of one or more of positions 70-84 corresponding to subtilisin BPN' and also a substitution of one or more of positions 70-84 corresponding to subtilisin BPN'. Thus, claims 1, 2, and 11-28 all consider deletions and substitutions at positions 70-84 of subtilisin BPN'. Applicants submit that the deletion and substitution positions in claims 1, 2 and 11-28 are so closely related that it would not present an undue burden on the Examiner to examine the art based on those specific positions.

For these reasons, Applicants submit that the restriction requirement applied to Claims 1, 2 and 11-28 of the above identified application is improper and should be withdrawn.

Provisional Election

In the event that the Examiner's election is made final, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1, 2, 11-16, 18, 20-22, 24, 26, and 27). Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,
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